

Child Development Coordinating Council Minutes

November 9, 2016

Meeting Attendance

Voting Members Present: Erin Clancy, Julie Allison, PJ West, and Kimberly Villotti

Voting Members Absent: Stephanie Peters, Mary Groen, Peg Macek, Carla Peterson, and Beth Van Meeteren

Non-Voting Members Present: Mary Shihadeh, Lora Patton & Judy Russell

Non-Voting Members Absent: Tom Rendon

Staff to Council: Amy Stegeman and Amanda Winslow

Secretary: Gloria Hamilton

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:

Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Erin Clancy, CDCC Chair. The Council welcomed two new members, Julie Allison, Child Care Bureau Chief for the Iowa Department of Human Services, and Judy Russell, Director of Drake University Head Start.

ACTION Item:

Approval of September 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Erin Clancy asked for any comments or edits to September 17, 2016. With the suggested edits for Mary Shihadeh's summary update, a motion was made by Kimberly Villotti and seconded by Julie Allison to approve the September meeting minutes. The Council did not have quorum so it was determined that an electronic vote would be sent out by staff following the meeting.

Public Comment: None

ACTION Item:

Recommend utilizing \$5,000 funding to support professional development at the Learning Supports Conference May 9 & 10, 2017

- \$5,000 was received from the Department of Education to support professional development strands tailored for Shared Visions programs, in addition to the annual \$5,000 reserve from the appropriation to support staff development and/or program evaluation for Shared Visions preschool programs.
- A survey will be sent out to Shared Visions preschool program staff; to include teachers, teacher assistants, and administrators. The Council offered feedback for the survey questions. The purpose of the survey is to determine professional development needs and interests. Survey responses will be requested by November 21, 2016.
- A motion to approve the use of the \$5,000 reserved funds to support professional development at the Learning Supports Conference was made by Kimberly Villotti

and second by Mary Shihadeh. The Council agreed to have this motion sent out for an electronic vote due to the lack of a quorum.

ACTION Item

Waiver request from preschool grantee

- A waiver request was received from College Community Prairie View Elementary as this was a newly awarded grantee in FY16. This request complied with IAC 281.64.15 (2). The Council reviewed the request and discussed the program's proposed timeline for obtaining NAEYC accreditation. A motion was made by Judy Russell to accept the waiver for College Community Prairie View Elementary, pending the results of the NAEYC visit. PJ West seconded the motion. The Council agreed to have this motion sent out for an electronic vote due to the lack of a quorum.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item: Updates from Staff

Preschool Program Updates

- All second quarter payments were sent out on time.
- The current cycle of grantees had three newly awarded Shared Visions preschool programs that would be working towards obtaining NAEYC accreditation. Of these three programs, one program, the Shared Visions preschool program at Durant Community School District, obtained NAEYC accreditation on October 19, 2016.
- The Council discussed the NAEYC accreditation status at preschool sites that have approved waivers from the Council. Staff have continued to receive updates from programs and staff will update the Council accordingly.

Parent Support Program Updates

- All second quarter payments were sent out on time.
- Webinars are being offered from the University of Kansas, the contracted entity, to support family support programs in Iowa that are using the new DAISEY data system. The new webinars are to detail how select DAISEY users can pull reports from DAISEY. Staff have participated in the webinars and will use DAISEY for Shared Visions Parent Support programs.

Update on Early Childhood Iowa

- The ECI State Board met on Friday, October 4. A summary of the meeting was shared with the Council.
- ECI PD Early Learning has two new co-chairs, Amanda Winslow to represent the public sector as a consultant for the Department of Education and Dawn Powers, to represent the private sector as a consultant for Child Care Resource and Referral. A summary of the meeting was shared with the Council.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:

CDCC Member Updates

PJ: Family support programs across the state, as supported by Early Childhood Iowa, H.O.P.E.S, and MIECHV, will soon be working through a family support competency-based assessment. This assessment has been designed for family support program direct staff and supervisors.

Judy: The Office of Head Start has issued new program standards. Previously, Head Start program standards were last updated in 1998. Judy provided an update of the new program standards and shared the timeline of changes that were initiated by the update. She also provided a quick summary of the grant received that funds services through partnerships between Early Head Start and child care providers.

Kimberly: The Department has continued to work on an inclusion grant as Iowa was selected as one of six states to receive technical assistance from Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA). Through this work a cross-sector group of stakeholders has been discussing what inclusion looks like in all early childhood program environments. The team has completed a self-assessment tool to reflect upon the different levels of information and supports available to support and promote inclusion practices at a state level.

Additionally, Kimberly provided an update regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The Department has several internal teams, early childhood being one of these teams, to focus on recommendations for the state plan. Iowa's state plan will focus on regulatory guidance as further clarification is still pending from a federal level. The Department will be hosting public input forums across the state from November 2016 through January 2017. Additional public input forums may come but dates have not yet been determined. Online public input and updates are available on the Department's website and can quickly be found from the A-Z search, under ESSA.

Erin: Erin shared that the Department of Human Services is on-track with the federal regulation changes as detailed in the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF). The final rule was issued September 30, 2016.

Additionally, Erin shared that the Iowa Child Care Provider Training Registry changes were implemented. Providers that are required to complete the required Essentials training will register for their training through the Iowa Child Care Provider Training Registry.

Lora: Child Care Resource and Referral will be reviewing trainings attended by providers and trainings not frequently attended by providers. This review will begin in the spring.

Mary: The Area Education Agencies, specific to the birth to age three scope of supports, will be exploring the idea of a establishing a pilot to learn more about the new service delivery model, referred to as Primary Service Provider (PSP). Data is showing PSP is

best practice to increase child and family outcomes. This approach would suggest that instead of having multiple therapy providers, such as an OT, PT, SLP going into the home, it is best practice to identify a primary service provider. The primary service provider would then meet with multiple providers, such as an OT, PT, SLP, to collaborate supports for the child and family. This year will be a pilot year and it is recognized that this model may not be a best fit for every child and family.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:

Program Evaluation Update

- The Council reviewed IAC 279.51 (3) to recall the requirement of a program evaluation. Amy Stegeman provided a summary of the current Shared Visions preschool program evaluation progress to include the final evaluation questions, the creation of a share site for confidential data sharing, and the plan to communicate with the University of Iowa on a monthly basis to review progress.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:

Review the draft annual report to the Governor

- Staff shared a new annual report draft which encompassed the Council's feedback from the September meeting. Staff shared a success story to highlight in the report, pending program permission. The Council discussed draft and made suggestions for data to highlight and formatting changes. Staff will make the suggested changes and send out a final draft for review and feedback, followed by an electronic vote to allow for meeting the December submission deadline.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION Item:

CDCC Duties and Action Steps

- The Council reviewed that members had participated in an on-line survey to determine which task team they would like to participate in. There were four duties that had been previously selected to address and this formed the list of task teams. New members were asked to identify which task team they would like to participate in. This agenda item will need to be continued at the next Council meeting.

Future Meeting Agenda Items:

- The Council will revisit goals for the 2017-2018 year.
- The Council will review the survey results related to the professional development needs of Shared Visions Preschool staff.
- The Duties of the Council work will continue.

The proposed upcoming Council meeting dates are:

- February 15, 2017 – Grimes Building – B50; 10:00am – 3pm
- April 12, 2017 – Grimes Building – B50; 10:00am – 3pm
- July 19, 2017 – Optional Distance Meeting & Grimes Building- 3 N Central; 10:00am-12:00pm

Adjourn

- Meeting was adjourned